

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

# January 31, 2021 Trinity Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS

#### **GATHERING**

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship

Prelude

"Prelude on DUNDEE" Gordon Young Brad Stipcak, Organ

#### **CENTERING WORDS**

If someone loves God, they are known by God. Love God, and trust that you are known by God.

Welcome and Announcements

Jenny Lee

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Loving God, love through us, as we worship your holy name. Love through us, as we listen for your holy word. Love through us, as we live your teachings and offer your love to our world. In your majestic name, we pray. Amen.

Musical Interlude

"Variations on DUNDEE" Charles Callahan Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God.

#### THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

## Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

The Lord your God will raise up a prophet like me from your community, from your fellow Israelites. He's the one you must listen to. That's exactly what you requested from the Lord your God at Horeb, on the day of the assembly, when you said, "I can't listen to the Lord my God's voice anymore or look at this great fire any longer. I don't want to die!"

The Lord said to me: What they've said is right. I'll raise up a prophet for them from among their fellow Israelites—one just like you. I'll put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. I myself will hold accountable anyone who doesn't listen to my words, which that prophet will speak in my name. However, any prophet who arrogantly speaks a word in my name that I haven't commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet must die.

## Thanks be to God

Second Lesson Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

# **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Give Thanks" Henry Smith Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Prayer of Dedication

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **SENDING FORTH**

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

"Forever Reign" Reuben Morgan & Jason Ingram Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership: Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider Jenny Lee, Liturgist Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music Jaron Marcus, Piano Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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